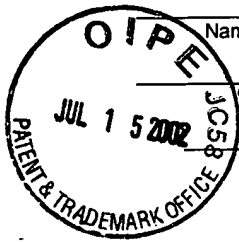


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed in the enclosed form PTO-1449. No admission is made by Applicants that certain of these documents, or what they disclose, are indeed prior art. The documents listed are also enclosed. Applicants request that these documents be reviewed, considered and made of record. The filing fee of \$180 is further enclosed.

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